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1. In order to exploit to the fullest all transportation facilities in East Germany and to handle traffic efficiently during the fall of 1955, a Central Traffic Commission (Zentraler Transportausschuss) has been established with the following members:

- Erwin Kramer - Minister for Traffic Affairs
- Fritz Szczepecki - State Secretary and First Deputy of the Minister for Transport
- Karl Salomon - State Secretary and Deputy of the Minister for Shipping and Waterways
- Ernst Heinrich Weiprecht - State Secretary and Deputy of the Minister for Shipping and Waterways
- Richard Goschuetz - State Secretary and Deputy of the Minister for Heavy Industry
- Kurt Schamel - Deputy of the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry
- Frau Ruth Fabisch - State Secretary of the Ministry for the Foodstuffs Industry
- Erich Waechter - Deputy of the Minister in the Ministry for Foreign and All-German Trade
- Hermann Streit - State Secretary for the Procurement and Purchase of Agricultural Products
- Wilhelm Ziesenis - First Deputy of the Minister for Heavy Machine Construction
- Herbert Bernicke - First Deputy of the Minister for General Machine Construction
- Rudolf Teichmann - State Secretary in the Ministry for Light Industry
- Wolf (fnu) - Deputy of the Minister in the Ministry for Construction
- Frau Gerda Wachowius - State Secretary in the Ministry for Trade and Supply

The following representatives of the Regional Traffic Commissions (Regionale Transportausschuesse) are also members of the Central Commission: Muebler (fnu), Erfurt; Lehmann (fnu), Magdeburg; Karl (fnu), Schwerin; Goetze (fnu), Gotha; Zimmermann (fnu), Berlin; Kunz (fnu), Halle; Haering (fnu), Dresden; and Hiller (fnu), Greifswald.

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2. The powers of the Central Traffic Commission were set forth in a resolution by the Commission, dated 22 August 1955. In general, these powers gave the Commission complete and final authority over all loading and unloading of commodities, especially all types of construction materials and other goods on the Economic Plan backlog list. The Regional Commissions were given complete jurisdiction over the movement of goods in their respective areas, through the chief of the Kreistransportaktiv (district traffic authority) and, without the consent of either the sending or the receiving party, were authorized to decide on the means of transportation and the priority to be assigned to all shipments. The resolution itemizes the responsibilities of each member of the Commission; for example, the Minister for Transport was to see that the railroads, waterways, etc., were utilized fully and efficiently; Waechter, of the Ministry for Foreign and All-German trade, was to insure, among other things, that the coal imports from Poland were expeditiously transhipped at the border for Fuerstenburg/Oder; Frau Fabisch was to insure that sugar beets were shipped, by water if possible, or otherwise in trains directly to the processing plants; Goschuetz, Streit, and Wolf were assigned the project of organizing the shipments of coal, potatoes, fertilizers, construction material and rolled products in trains of at least 10 cars; and each of the others were given similar responsibilities.

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